recombinant DNA- based life saving vaccine, Hepatitis B Vaccine. It has already been mentioned by my hon. friend. I would like to know from the hon. Minister why is this vaccine still being imported for immunisation programmes?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Supply of Piped Natural Gas to Delhi

*123. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'The Times of India' dated 17th June, 2002, captioned, "Shortage of pipelines robs Delhi of gas"; if so, what action has been taken to speed up supply of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to the citizens of Delhi;

(b) the names of the areas which have so far been covered for supply of PNG and the other areas which are proposed to be covered in the next phase;

(c) by when it is expected to cover the entire Capital; and

(d) what are the advantages of Liquified Petroleum Gas over the PNG, both from the cost and safety point of view?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has developed infrastructure for supply of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to 16,000 household consumers with a pipeline length of 250 km. The details of areas already covered and proposed to be covered during the current year *i.e.* 2002-03 is given in the statement (*See* below). IGL plans to connect about 22,000 consumers with PNG by the end of March, 2003. IGL has plans to connect 20 lakh consumers by the year 2020 with PNG supply, which would cover major parts of Delhi.

(d) PNG is cheaper than domestic Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG). Use of PNG is safer than LPG as PNG is lighter than air and in case of any leakage it disperses in the air. Further in-built safety measures have been provided which ensure tripping of regulator in case leakage of more than specified range occurs.

Statement

Areas already being supplied Piped Natural Gas

Kaka Nagar, Bapa Nagar, Pandara Road, Pandara Park, Sunder Nagar, Golf Links, Sujan Singh Park, Nizamuddin, Maharani Bagh, Kalindi Colony, Jangpura, Pant Nagar, New Friends Colony, Friends Colony, Sukhdev Vihar, Iswar Nagar, Zakir Bagh, Bharati Nagar, Sarita Vihar, Jor Bagh, Asiad Village.

Areas planned to be covered in the year 2002-03

Lodhi Road, Lodhi Colony, Sarojini Nagar, Nauroji Nagar, Mohamad Pur Government Colony, Connaught Place, Nelson Mandela Marg, Chanakyapuri, R.K. Puram, Andrews Ganj Extension, HUDCO Place, Neeti Bagh, Gulmohar Park, Soami Nagar-North and South, South Extension-I and II, Mayfair Garden, Panchsheel Enclave, Panchsheel Park-North and South, Defence Colony, Green Park and commercial consumers near I.G.I Airport.

NPAs of Public Sector Banks

*124. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of NPAs of Public/Private sector banks, till date, indicating the names of top-twenty industrial houses in the country which have failed to pay the due amount to such banks, bank-wise; and

(b) whether Government have so far taken any steps to recover the same indicating the details of amount recovered during the last three years, year-wise from such industrial houses?